

PREPARE FOR THE CLEANUP!

- Put out materials **no more than two days before** your scheduled pick-up.
- Set materials **at the curb before 7 a.m.** on your curbside pick-up day.
- **Trucks will go through only once** on your scheduled day. If you miss the curbside pick-up, call your trash hauler who will pick up your refuse for a fee.
- **Seniors or residents who are disabled:** Unable to handle the materials? Contact your Neighborhood Watch block captains – or call the Human Services Information Line in advance for volunteer availability, 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

SCHEDULE

Location	Regular trash day is:	Curbside pickup is Saturday:
West of Normandale	Friday	April 16
France to Normandale	Thursday	April 23
Penn to France	Wednesday	April 30
Portland to Penn	Tuesday	May 7
East of Portland	Monday	May 21

QUESTIONS?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL RECYCLING AT 952-563-8750.

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it's saving energy or guarding Bloomington's precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...



EARTH ACTION HERO

KITTY, THE ORGANIZER

KITTY TAYLOR, WHO HAS LIVED IN BLOOMINGTON NEARLY ALL OF HER LIFE, ENJOYS gardening, likes her yard to look pretty and describes herself as curious. If there's something to learn and the resources are available, she wants to know more.

"The City Council adopted a wetland treatment policy that offers incentives for residents who live next to a pond," Taylor said. "I wanted to know more about how I could abide by the policy and also make my property look good."

Determined, Taylor went to her local library, and called the Department of Natural Resources and the City of Bloomington to gather information. She organized a lakescaping seminar for residents to learn more about how to improve water quality while enhancing their property's appearance.

It was "standing room only" at the seminar held in March. Bloomington Environmental Health Specialist Robert Servian said the overwhelming majority of the 75 residents who attended were positive and supported the City's new wetland treatment policy. He also said many felt the seminar was a good education and a way to get their voices heard.

"Partnerships work best," said Servian. "We can share our knowledge with residents, but they are the ones who make it happen. Kitty is a perfect example of taking ownership of an issue and following through with it."

Taylor said she is doing what she can to make her neighborhood more beautiful not only for herself, but also for her neighbors.

"Landscaping for water quality is a benefit to everyone," she said. "It helps our property values remain high, our ponds and creeks are improved, and we have a beautiful place to live."

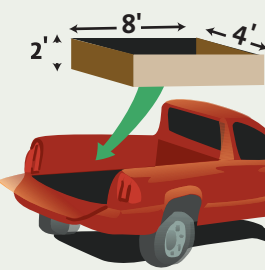
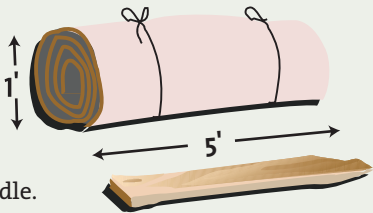
For more information on lakescaping, call Jean Buckley at 952-563-8751.



Penn Lake Librarian Marilyn helps Kitty find information.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- **General junk:** Boxed or bundled – under 100 pounds per item. No scrap metal or household trash, such as food.
- **Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, etc. Limit TWO appliances per house. **No need to call ahead.**
- **Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- **Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Office desks, clothesline poles, swing sets are examples of large scrap metal. Remove wood, rubber, cement - all nonmetal materials. NO cast iron tubs or items over 150 pounds. Take items that fit into an automobile to the Hennepin County Problem Facility for recycling. *See box below.*



- **Unusable furniture:** Disassemble hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open during handling.
- **Mattresses/box springs.**
- **Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.

- **BUNDLED brush:** Branches smaller than four inches in diameter and five feet in length. Includes buckthorn.



OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBLEM WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY

1400 West 96th Street, 612-348-3777

TU, TH, F 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
W 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
SA 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NEW! Now accepting non-refillable propane/butane cylinders at no charge.

- **Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents and other household chemicals.

- **Tires and batteries.**

- **Electronic goods:** TVs, computers, stereos.

- **Recyclable materials:** Bottles, cans, paper.

- **Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other fridges, air conditioners – call ahead, 612-348-5832.

- **Small scrap metal** that fit into a car trunk.

These facilities may charge a fee for disposal.



BURNSVILLE LANDFILL

952-890-3248

- Concrete/bricks.
- Porcelain: Tubs, sinks.
- Shingles (No asbestos).

NSP COMPOSTING

Burnsville, 952-736-1915

- Leaves, grass clippings, sod.
- Stumps, logs.

WETLAND VEGETATION TREATMENT POLICY

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A NEW POLICY FOR chemical treatment to control algae and aquatic vegetation in ponds. Residents owning property next to a pond are encouraged to help limit the growth of aquatic vegetation by establishing and maintaining a native vegetative buffer zone and keeping grass clippings and leaves away from the waterbody, street or storm drain. If more than half of the property owners surrounding a wetland commit to mitigation on their lots, the City will share the costs of aquatic vegetation treatment. When all of the property owners commit to mitigation on their lots, the City will pay the total cost of treatment. For more information, call 952-563-8952. To view the entire policy, visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Wetland policy.

